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BUSINESS MEN ENDORSE PROPOSALS FOR PAVING

AMOUNT OF SURFACING TO BE UNDERTAKEN IS ONLY QUESTION ON WHICH OPINIONS DIFFER MATERIALLY

PETITIONS NOT YET STARTED

Property Owners Would Not Object If Roaders Are Willing to Pay Higher Rents—Pave, Don't Talk Paving Says Alexander.

Ontario business men are almost unanimous in their desire to have at least the business section of the city paved. This is the conclusion the Argus draws from a series of interviews with property owners and business men, on the proposition launched by J. R. Blackaby at the Commercial club meeting last week.

Not all of the business men, nor all of the property owners could be seen this week, and effort will be made to interview others next week and the week following so that a comprehensive review of the general opinion of the community can be secured on this important question.

Don't Talk Paving, Pave.

One of the first expressions of opinion was that secured from Samuel Creem, manager of Alexander's, who said:

"In a talk with Mr. Alexander over the telephone last Saturday I told him that there was talk of paving Ontario's business section, and he immediately said: 'Don't talk paving down there, Pave.' That is what I believe, and all the men to whom I have talked feel the same way about it."

It Ought to be Done.

"The business district ought to be paved," said Frank Rader of Rader Bros. "Of course I have no property on Oregon street, but I believe that paving would help Ontario."

"What kind of paving do they propose laying?" was the question H. C. Boyer asked, and then he continued, "I have considered the paving question for some time, but not lately, have been too busy. Paving would be a good thing, and I believe it should be investigated thoroughly to see what can be done."

An Awful Good Thing.

"If the property owners want it, it would be an awful good thing," was Toggery Bill's idea of the subject.

Fraser Undetermined.

"I have not considered the matter enough to pass an opinion on the subject," said E. A. Fraser.

Should Have Been Done Before.

"Oregon street should have been paved years ago," said H. L. Peterson of the Ontario Furniture company. "The city cannot afford to stand back and let its neighbors surpass it in general appearance and comfort of its streets. Not only Oregon street, but the streets leading to the business districts should be paved. There has been enough money spent keeping the streets in repair to have paved the street twice in the past ten years."

If Renters Will Stand Raise

"If the renters along the street are willing to help meet the cost of the improvement by paying higher rents, paving is alright," said W. E. Lees, one of the heaviest of owners of property fronting on Oregon street. "Paving is a luxury, not a necessity," he continued, "but if the renters want it and are willing to meet the cost that can be figured out on the frontage they occupy, it might be considered."

I Am for it

"I have not thought much about it, but I am for it," said President A. L. Cockrum of the First National Bank. "I would like to see much of the city paved as we can get this year."

Willing if Others Are

"If the others are willing, I will not hold back," said L. Adam of Emison & Adam. "The present street is not bad, and it costs money to keep pavement clean, but if the rest of the folks want it, it is alright with me."

Did Not See Moore

The Argus was not able to see T. H. Moore, who has perhaps more property fronting on streets that might be paved than anyone else, but those who have talked with Mr. Moore said that they understood he was in favor of paving some 30 blocks and had already outlined a proposed paving district.

INCOME TAX MEN ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

Malheur County Folks Given Assistance in Arriving at Solution of Their Taxpayers Problem—Early Payment Urged.

Messrs. Payne and Schreder of the Internal Revenue department at the Council Chamber of the City Hall this week equipped with information, advice and blanks necessary for the making of Income Tax returns. They are here to help you comply with the provisions of the law, to save you time, money and trouble that would result from an inaccurate return. These returns must be made before March 15th and this is the last chance to get the advice and assistance of the agents sent forth by the department to aid you.

If you do not come under the provisions of the law, tell your friends who do of the presence of these men in Ontario, for they will be here only until Saturday night and leave Monday for Vale where they will be located for three days, next week, and go from there to Burns.

Appeal for Early Payment.
Uncle Sam has so many immediate bills to pay that a special appeal has been made for the payment of the first installment of income taxes on or before March 15, the date payment is due. This appeal has been issued by Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass, thru the office of Milton A. Miller, revenue collector for Oregon.

DOG POISONER AT WORK HERE AGAIN

First Canine Saved From Strychnine By Action of Owner—Authorities Considering Plans for Catching Criminal.

"Bob," one Councilman Hugh Allen's pet dog was the first canine to suffer this year from the annual visitation of the dog poisoner whose depredations have puzzled authorities here for several years.

That Bob is not in the canine heaven now is due solely to the fact that Mr. Allen secured the services of Dr. A. G. Moore in time to remove the poison, which was strychnine.

Just what to do in the matter is puzzling the authorities who are determined this year to solve the mystery. They are particularly aggravated at the fact that the persons who are engaged in this nefarious work have not waited until the city can get a man to round up the stray dogs of the city and get the others licensed. If it is merely an ill will at dogs that are useless the authorities assure the dog poisoner that they will take care of them, and the other dogs that are licensed, the city must to keep faith, protect, and will do so.

Clarence Wood of the Allen Shoe company made a trip to Riverside and Warm Springs this week.

Information Concerning the 1919 Thrift and War Stamp Campaign

- Thrift Stamps of 1919 are identical with those of 1918. Thrift Stamps bought in 1918 may be exchanged for War Savings Stamps of the new issue on the same basis as last year. No new Thrift card is necessary.
- War Savings Stamps (issue of 1919) for the convenience of the public are somewhat smaller in size than the 1918 issue, are blue in color and carry a portrait of Benjamin Franklin, the great American advocate of sensible spending. Except in appearance, however, War Savings Stamps of the new issue are unchanged from those of last year. They can be purchased from the same agencies which sold the 1918 issue. They cost \$4.12 in January and one cent additional each month throughout the year. On January 1, 1919, the Government will pay you \$5.00 for each War Saving Stamp of this issue. This represents interest on your money at 4%, compounded quarterly.
- War Savings Stamps (issue of 1918) do not have to be cashed in converted to the new issue. Save them! The Government will pay you \$5.00 for each one you hold on January 1, 1919, whether your card is filled or not.
- New Cards are necessary for your 1919 War Savings Stamps. Do not paste the new blue stamps on your old 1918 W. S. S. card. Ask for a new card when you buy your first stamp of the new issue.
- Maximum Holding. In addition to the amount bought during 1918, you may purchase a maximum of \$1000 worth of War Savings Stamps during 1919. You may purchase this maximum for each member of your family.

"GET BUSY" SLOGAN FOR OWYHEE PROJECT

Mass Meeting at Nyssa Last Saturday Addressed by Judge Will R. King, Determines on Action.

With the endorsement of the Senate Committee on Irrigation on Tuesday of the Lane plan for building irrigation projects, and appropriating one hundred million dollars for that purpose, hopes of boosters for the Owyhee Project have reached a high point.

At Nyssa last Saturday a mass meeting of those interested in the project was held. Judge Will R. King addressed the meeting for nearly two hours explaining in detail just what is needed to be done. Those who heard him were enthusiastic over the message he delivered.

It was the sense of the meeting that, immediately the government makes provision for new projects that a committee go forward to Washington and remain on the job until the Owyhee project is assured. Those who attended the meeting from Ontario were: E. H. Test, E. M. Greig, J. R. Blackaby, W. F. Homan, H. L. Poorman, and T. W. Claggett, and Judge Will R. King.

SURPASS QUOTA FOR ARMENIAN SUFFERERS

Ontario District, Including Eastern Portion of County, North of Nyssa, Nearly \$1000 Oversubscribed With More Coming.

In spite of bad weather, and the fact that several of the school districts assigned to the Ontario territory were worked by Payette, Welser and Nyssa committees, and the further fact that the Ontario churches had previously sent in several hundred dollars, this section surpassed its quota in the drive last week by \$100.

Up to last Saturday night the committee here had \$65.01 over the allotment of \$1080 assigned this territory, and still had one district on Dead Ox Flat to hear from and also some of the local workers reported more coming to them.

In view of the condition of the roads, and the general situation in the country districts, the local committee is extremely proud of the manner in which the people responded to the appeal.

"GRADUATE NUTS" HOSTS FOR PRETTY DANCING PARTY

At the Wilson hall last Friday evening the young men, who while they were in school here were members of the Nut club entertained their friends at a dancing party. A large gathering of young people, including beside the Ontario boys and girls the visiting basket ball players from Nampa and a number of Payette's younger set enjoyed the dancing program.

BIG BEND COUNTRY PLANS GREAT COMMUNITY PROGRESS

HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS WIN BOTH GAMES FROM NAMPA

The last basket ball games of the season were played last Friday evening at the old Opera House. The double header proved a grand finale for the 1918-19 basket ball season for the local boys and girls won both games by decisive scores. The Nampa boys and girls teams put up hard fights but could not locate the baskets with the accuracy of the local players.

DOKOKIES STAGE BIG CEREMONIAL AT VALE

County Officials Languish in Jail Under Sentence of Karpis Court—Half Carload of Equipment Used in Initiation.

With the Vale band in its best form leading the way 40 LaGrande, Baker and Wallowa members of LaGrande Temple, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan invaded the county seat last Saturday morning for a big ceremonial session held there that afternoon and evening.

Before the ceremonies ended the most hilarious entertainment ever staged in Malheur county, 46 Vale and Ontario Knights of Pythias had been added to the Dokokies. The work was performed under the direction of Marion Davis, of Union, Grand Vicer, and Geo. Baker of Wallowa, Grand Master of Ceremonies. It required a half car load of equipment to stage the trials of the new members.

To insure the safety of the visitors, County Clerk Arthur M. Moody was escorted in the County Jail during arrival of the visitors, and these in turn on their arrival were brot before Judge Dalton Biggs for trial, but turned the tables on the Judge and Sheriff Lee Noe and gave these officials a taste of what they have given others by depositing them behind the bars at Sheriff Noe's boarding house. This was but a part of the high links program for it being a legal holiday anyway, all Vale gave itself over to having a good time with the visitors.

For delivering an address of welcome to the guests of the city Mayor Wildhaber was chained to a telephone post in front of his bank and compelled to listen to advice on the subject of speech making and other things.

At six o'clock the Dokokies, the members of the Vale Lodge Knights of Pythias, and the Vale band sat down to a big banquet at the Drexels. Among the new Dokokies are Judge Dalton Biggs, and J. W. McCulloch of Ontario. District Attorney R. W. Swager piloted the visitors from Ontario to vale, and has recovered from the effects of the trip.

VICTORY LOAN WILL START ON APRIL 21ST

Telegraphic reports of changes in the plan for financing the Government have produced a feeling of uncertainty in the minds of our citizens, according to a statement issued by J. K. Lynch, Governor of the 12th Federal Reserve District.

We have positive assurance from Secretary Glass that a popular loan will be offered for subscription on April 21st, and that this will be "a salable loan,"—in other words, a loan that will be attractive to the investor whether in the form of certificates or bonds.

Obviously, there are details which cannot yet be decided, and announcements which cannot be made until Congress has legislated.

Let us not be confused by preliminary discussion, but let us keep our minds fixed on the fact that our Government requires the money to complete the work it has undertaken. The attempt industrial revolt which collapsed in Seattle, owing to the firmness of the Mayor, is evident that Hun propaganda is still active. The "war" will not be over until the Huns have been given the bill and have begun paying. Then, and then only, will they realize defeat and confess error.

PETITIONS BEING CIRCULATED FOR FORMATION OF UNITED HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ERECT SCHOOL AT ADRIAN.

LAND SALES SHOW VALUES

Returns From Big Bend Clover Crop Show Character of Land—If Owyhee Project Is Built, Thriving Town Will Result.

For the purpose of learning the plans of the proposed Malheur County Development League, V. V. Hickox of the Big Bend District stopped in Ontario Wednesday and declared that in any such movement the Big Bend and Kingman Kolong certainly wanted to take a part.

"Right now," said Mr. Hickox, "the people of the Bend are planning on improvements. A petition is out now for the uniting of School District No. 46 and 47 in the Big Bend and 61 in Kingman Kolony, into a Community High School District, and for the insurance of bonds for the erection of a suitable building to house a standard state high school."

"And that is not all a petition is out to have the Post Office named Adrian, where the High School will be erected if plans develop as we hope they will."

"We are looking for results from the movement to revive the Owyhee Project, and are glad to see Ontario and Vale joining with Nyssa to help put it over."

"If that project develops it will add thousands of acres to the developed lands of the county. It will greatly increase the prosperity of our section for some 6,000 acres of the land under the project lie right next to the Bend. It will mean another thriving community for Malheur county, and instead of being tributary to Idaho points business will remain in the county."

Land Returns Large

"Many people do not seem to realize that in the Bend is some of the best land in the county. As an example of what the land will do, E. G. Roberts made enough from the clover seed taken off six acres to buy a fine big tractor. Some of the ranchers netted \$275 per acre from their clover seed, and they were not the exceptions, either."

"The best proof of the value of the land is the way in which the people who live there buy up their neighbors ranches any time any of them want to sell, and at good prices, too. For example I sold my ranch in Kingman Kolony last fall to John Vanderpool and then bot the Judd ranch in Big Bend. Fred Pillsbury sold his ranch to E. G. Roberts and N. S. Phelan sold his ranch to Harvey Hatch. The price at which the last ranch sold is an indication of what land in that section is valued at by those who know what it can do by actually farming it. Mr. Hatch paid \$237 per acre for the land and on top of that price has to pay \$80 for a government water right. Is it any wonder that the people are looking for the opening of the Owyhee Project where we understand the water right will not be more than \$70 per acre?"

YOUNG SHEEPMAN RETURNS TO ONTARIO WITH BRIDE

The following was taken from a Pittsburg, Pa. daily, tells of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Joyce. Mr. and Mrs. Joyce return to Ontario last Saturday and are at the Moore Hotel for the balance of the winter. The Pittsburg paper says:

A charmingly appointed wedding was solemnized yesterday morning at 11 o'clock in St. Agnes Roman Catholic church when Miss Anna Veronica Joyce became the bride of Martin Jeremiah Joyce of Juntura, Ore. Rev. Father Haggerty performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. M. J. Barley as matron of honor and the bridesmaids were Miss Stella C. Conroy of Cleveland, and Miss Katherine C. Brown of Lake Forest, Ill. Beatrice Connelly was flower girl. M. J. McElroy served as Mr. Joyce's best man and the ushers were Lieut. J. J. Cool, who has just

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